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Attorney Docket No. 99B140

First Inventor or Application Identifier Antulio TARZONA

Title Improvements In Valves

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Specification [Total Pages 9]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1]
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 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting
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6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - a. Computer Readable Copy
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
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(Should be specifically itemized)
13. Small Entity Statement(s) Statement filed in prior application
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 106 | 310 | 206 155 Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 480 | 207 240 Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 760 | 208 380 Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 75 Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Independent Claims 1 | -3** = 0 | X | = 0 |
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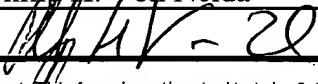
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| 103 | 18 | 203 9 Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 78 | 202 39 Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 260 | 204 130 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 78 | 209 39 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 105 | 130 | 205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | 0.00 |
| 127 | 50 | 227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | 0.00 |
| 139 | 130 | 139 130 Non-English specification | 0.00 |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 2,520 For filing a request for reexamination | 0.00 |
| 112 | 920* | 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | 0.00 |
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| 116 | 380 | 216 190 Extension for reply within second month | 0.00 |
| 117 | 870 | 217 435 Extension for reply within third month | 0.00 |
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| 119 | 300 | 219 150 Notice of Appeal | 0.00 |
| 120 | 300 | 220 150 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | 0.00 |
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| 140 | 110 | 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | 0.00 |
| 141 | 1,210 | 241 605 Petition to revive - unintentional | 0.00 |
| 142 | 1,210 | 242 605 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | 0.00 |
| 143 | 430 | 243 215 Design issue fee | 0.00 |
| 144 | 580 | 244 290 Plant issue fee | 0.00 |
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| 123 | 50 | 123 50 Petitions related to provisional applications | 0.00 |
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